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ST. HILDA, V., Abbess

Observed in the York Kalendar on the date of the translation of her body: 25 August.

For the Legend:

HILDA of Whitby was born a princess of the blood-royal, but until the age of thirteen, she was an heathen, at which time along with her great-uncle, King Edwin of Northumbria, she received the light of faith in Baptism at the hands of Saint Paulinus. Whereupon, for over thirty years she lived very nobly amongst her fellows, and then understood that God had called her to leave her country and kindred and her royal honours, and become a nun. Whereat she planned to cross over to France, and enter there one of the monasteries whither many Saxon maidens had already gone, including (as some maintain) her sister Saint Hereswitha. But Saint Aidan sent for her, and after twelve months of religious discipline with some companions in a place on the north bank of the Weir, he made her Abbess of Hartlepool, which convent she set in order and wisely ruled for nine years. Then she founded a new religious house on a high headland overlooking the sea, which same became a great abbey, afterwards called Whitby, wherein she ruled with wisdom and holiness for many years.

The Christians were first called 'Catholic' in an epistle of St. Ignatius of Antioch, third successor to Peter on His throne at Antioch of whom P. Ignatius IV is 169th in Succession. *The Lion* is published for members only of St. Mark's Church, Denver, Colorado. *The Lion* is not an official publication of any entity.

God had bestowed upon her not only high rank, but a rare prudence in the government of souls, and a zeal for knowledge and ecclesiastical discipline, whereby she became a choice instrument in his hands during the troublous times when the infant Church was carrying on a great battle with paganism. All who knew her, that is to say, common and simple folk, as well as monks and bishops, princes and kings, sought to profit by her clear judgement and wise experience, insomuch that she was honoured as the mother of her country. Truly was she so called, for both in her own land and in distant places whither her fame had gone, she was the mother of spiritual sons and daughters. And in

later days many of her kinswomen followed her on the road to sanctity, such as Saints Sethrida, Audrey, Sexaburga, Ermenhilda and Werberga. According to the Celtic custom, a place for monks was joined to the nunnery at Whitby, and Hilda ruled over both. She so inspired these monks with zeal for the rule, for study and for good order, that their house became a school of missionaries, of whom no less than five became bish-



ops : and of these were Saints John of Beverly and Wilfrid of York. Also a poor cowherd who worked on the monastic lands was encouraged by her to become an ecclesiastical bard, namely. Caedmon, the father of English poetry; which same was admitted to monastic vows, wherein he lived in holiness till death. and ever after, even unto this present, hath been revered as a Saint.

A council was called at Whitby whilst Saint Theodore ruled the Church of Canterbury, to wit,

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- SATURDAY -

16 SEPTEMBER 2000

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SCHEDULED EVENTS THIS SEASON INCLUDE:

August 1 - 3 : Western Rite Conference in Oklahoma City at St. Elijah Parish

August 4 : Mr. John Robinson in Recital at 8 PM on Friday with reception to follow (see AD in this LION)

August 6 : Feast of the Transfiguration and Parish Picnic following at the Mahan's Ranch near Bailey... dress for Church and bring a change of clothing for the outdoors and possible cooler temperatures.

August 15 : Tuesday: The ASSUMPTION (Dormition) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at 7 PM.

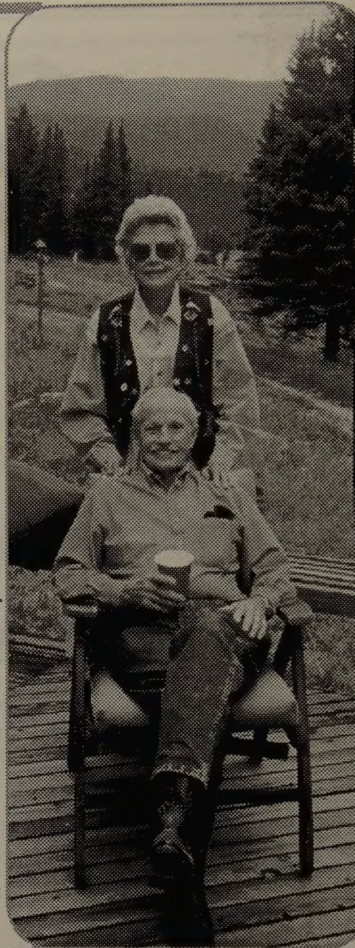
August 22 : Tuesday Scholars Class resumes with a new book, *Gregory Palamas as Hagorite* at 7:30 PM.

August 29 : Tuesday: Decolation of St. John, Mass at 7 PM and Scholars at 7:30 PM.

September 16, Saturday : Symposium on the Saints of Old Britain from Ss Columba to Chad, Aidan, Guthlac, Hilda with His Grace, Bishop Basil presiding. (See the AD in this LION, registration is \$10 which includes lunch and two breaks.)

September 17, Sunday : Observance of St. Mark's 125th Anniversary. His Grace Bishop Basil presiding. Luncheon by reservation at the Wellshire Inn.

Capacity is 120... so if you want to be included be sure and get your reservation in soon.



^Men at the Vestry Retreat make ice cream by cranking a vat of milk fat, sugar and ice.

<<<Thanks to Margaret and Jack Davis for hosting the Retreat. Nancy Steffen, Jr. Warden responds to the financial report.



<< Yard sale workers Jane Long, Laurie Baker, Natalie Lickteig, and Pam Howlett with many helpers, put together a successful fund raiser for the Church Women who have been generous to the 125th Anniversary.



St. Francis of Assisi Impersonators practice with live birds every Sunday afternoon before Evensong.



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